EDITORIAL COMMENT

WILLING TO HELP

(The recent effort of the Appomattox Lions Club to clean-up and beautify Appomattox by means of the cooparative effort of property owners, developed one encouraging fact, as well as quite a bit of civic improvement. The Lions who made a personal solicitation with pledge cards found that local people really want the Town of Appomattox to look spick and span. Every property owner interviewed was anxious to to talk CLEAN-UP. Some offered helpful suggestions for the town to follow. Many went beyond the essential steps itemized on the pledge card, and under the heading of additional remarks announced supplementary clean-up efforts of their own.

The desire and will to do, is sometimes as important as doing.

TEACHING GEOGRAPHY

One good thing, at least, comes from the war. . . . most of us are learning a bit of geography for the first time. Before the war we had vague knowledge of the whereabouts of London, Paris, Berlin and Moscow. We had probably heard of a few cities in the major countries and could roughly name a few rivers and seaports.

Now, we speak with authority on not only the whereabouts, but the significance of such places as Tobruk, Dakar, Oslo, Cyprus.

That's the way of war. Had it not been for the chance of WAR, the name APPOMATTOX would not be a household word over all the world!

EMERGENCY?

Last week we wrote in this space that when President Roosevelt proclaimed a STATE OF EMERGENCY, in his recent fireside chat, he was certainly telling us nothing that we did not know two years ago, and that merely to PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY and then do nothing about it, DIDN'T MEAN A THING.

Therefore, we eagerly awaited to see what the President would DO after proclaiming a state of great emergency.

Thus far, the ACTION under the emergency, has been out of proportion to the ideals outlined in proclaiming that emergency.

What Mr. Roosevelt apparantly fails to realize is that the bulk of Americans see no fairness in men already getting upwards of $200 a month in the best jobs in the world, being encouraged by negation to go on STRIKE for even higher wages, while other men are being made to enter Army camps at $21 a month!

The finger of responsibility for the STRIKES is being leveled at the White House. And for the plain reason that Mr. Roosevelt is the only man able to STOP the strikes. And for the second reason that Mr. Roosevelt is progressively putting a chip on every American shoulder at a time when we are ill prepared to wave other than the most limited DEFENSIVE war.

If Hitler could be beaten with MANPOWER, France would not be prostrate today. The evidence is that last spring, 150,000 very smart and amazingly equipped Germans completely licked the socks off the many-millioned French army.

Likewise, if Hitler could be defeated with WORDS, would he not even now be cowed by the wonderful speeches of Winston Churchill and of our own President?

Germany can be defeated ONLY with VASTLY MORE and BETTER MACHINES!

We can't sit around and wait ten years hoping that the Poles, the Hungarians, the French, the Dutch, the Slavs, will stir up a revolution within Germany's bread-basket.

Are we willing to sit around and wait for British morale to crack and demand a negotiated peace? To do so would put Uncle Sam nearer the head of the line.

Many 'newspaper classics' are being circulated built around the theme of Dempsey being knocked out of the ring by Firpo, yet coming back to win. But, we see absolutely no comparison between the Dempsey-Firpo fight and the present war. In that price fight Dempsey won because he had more ring guns.

Today, we are bragging that we might have to TAKE Dakar and the Azores. Actually, we could not defend the Panama Canal! There is, to the best of our knowledge, not a single UNDERGROUND AIRDROME IN AMERICA! We have men and women of COURAGE . . . but you must realize that GREECE and FINLAND had COURAGE, courage as great as we could ever hope to have. YET LOST.

Our brass hats in Washington should know by now that Germany can't be beaten by having a lot of men charge up a hill with a war-whoop and a rebel yell!

Nor can Germany be defeated with 37-ton tanks and 1,100 horse-power, 350 per mile airplanes!

We'll need tens of thousands of 100-ton tanks and 3,000 horse-power planes before we could stand up before Hitler's legions and we figure at the rate we're going, it will take us from five to ten years to get them.

The American people know all of this. They know that our ONLY chance to keep hundreds of thousands of American boys from being butchered, and our ONLY chance to save Britain and democracy itself, is MACHINES . . . . bigger and better machines than Germany can make, and many more of them. We do that the AMERICAN PEOPLE know that we must make every plant in America hum 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, and American mines and farms and ships must feed the raw materials on an endless assembly line. Even then, we have no better than a 50-50 chance. We do not hesitate to doff our hats to German production and brains. We freely concede that the Germans are smarter in the ways of war than we are. And German labor does NOT GO ON STRIKE. The German people, not just Hitler, have outsmarted the world. Don't be misled, this German war machine is truly great. It's greatness does not lie in its manpower . . . this time you CAN'T beat it with sheer weight of numbers. And when you try to out-wit and outsmart it, you face the keenest and toughest job anybody ever faced.

SO WHAT?

Frankly, we see nothing but a bitter defeat for democracy unless sensational steps are taken at once to completely change our entire war effort.

First, the President must cease concentrating decision making in his own person. No human being, not even one so superbly gifted as himself (and he is still the ablest living American) can handle every detail of our war effort. We noted the news reels of his fireside chat of last week. And our hearts were heavy to see that the old vim just wasn't there. The President is tired, he wouldn't be human if he could go on forever with the action of 1933. But, we find no fault there. He is our LEADER! He is our ablest man. In all respect and with complete acceptance of the fact that there is no one any given job better than anyone else in Washington, we urge that he guard against a physical break-down by giving some of the great LOAD to others.

Second, an immediate change must be made in government policy toward the Strike situation. One suggestion would be to freeze wages at the 1939 level and ban strikes on any defense job.

THIRD, we need some immediate HOUSE-CLEANING in Washington. Mrs. Perkins should be replaced at once. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST AS HER SUCCESSOR, OUR BELOVED VIRGINIAN, HARRY FLOOD BYRD!

But Mrs. Perkins is not the only official needing replacement. A few years ago the President was crying for more YOUNGER men with a fresh of the Supreme Court. And he got them there. Now, how about rounding YOUNGER MEN with a fresher and more up-to-date outlook in our ARMY, NAVY AND AIR CORPS! We don't care how they voted, or if they have never been heard of. We need another BILLY MITCHELL and another JACK PERSHING. We should retire the brass hats who still say an airplane can't cope with a battleship! and in their place put some SMART YOUNG MEN who will quickly design and build bombers that WILL sink ANY battleship!

And by getting new faces, we don't mean rounding up 'name' Republicans like Frank Knox and Henry Stimson . . . we mean to place the ball in in the hands of YOUNG men who know what's happening in German designing rooms and what to do about it.

FOURTH, if we aren't going to get down to business and do the things necessary to victory, NOW, then the honorable thing for us to do is advise Mr. Churchill today, that he should seek the best terms possible for a negotiated peace. It simply is not honorable to encourage the people of Britain to make further sacrifices unless we can do much more than we show evidence as doing as of today. We will never forget the courage and morale and willingness to go 'all-out' of the British people, from the Blitzkrieg to Melbourne. But courage and hard common sense do not always jibe.

(The greatest emergency in America is in Washington. The people are fed up with WORDS.

HOOVER FOUGHT THE DEPRESSION BRAVELY, BUT WITH WORDS. AMERICA WENT ALL-OUT (sorely a misnomer in all-out!) FOR F. D. R. BECAUSE HE FOUGHT THE DEPRESSION WITH THE BANK HOLIDAY, THE C. C. C., THE P. W. A., THE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP., ETC., ETC. . . . DEEDS! We didn't name him as our leader because we liked his family, his radio voice or the way he catches fish. We made him our leader because we liked his ACTION to meet the needs of the hour.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE!

VERY THOUGHTFUL

The action of Judge J. W. Flood a postponing the opening of the U. S. District court from Monday to Wednesday was very thoughtful, for it enabled farmers to take advantage of the long-awaited rain to plant tobacco, before coming out to attend court. This attention to the welfare of the growers on the part of Judge Flood should not be without appreciative comment.

HOW WOODROW WILSON HANDLED AN UNJUSTIFIED STRIKE

The President's appeal in his fireside chat against further labor stoppages in defense production should increase the arbitration work of the National Defense Mediation Board. Under the arbitration procedure, of course, it is necessary, first, to get both sides of the controversy to agree to arbitrate and abide by the arbitrator's award. I is this initial step which is now troubling the Mediation Board in the Puget Sound ship building strike. In essence, the CIO unions involved refuse to accept what amounts to an arbitration procedure.

Of course, it is conceivable that strikes will occur even after arbitration and its results have been agreed to. In that case, however, there are precedents from World War times which Mr. Roosevelt will doubtless keep in mind. There is, specifically, the case of the Bridgeport machinists and their refusal to abide by the terms of a War Labor Board arbitration.

In the World War, as now, Bridgeport was a great munitions-producing center. Occupying key places in its arms factories were members of the International Association of Machinists. One Bridgeport local of the machinists was led by what Alexander Bing, historian of the World War labor relations, calls 'radical socialists.' But Mr. Bing never permits the fact to obscure the undoubted backwardness of the Bridgeport employers' labor policy.

After a long guerilla warfare in Bridgeport, replete with strikes of less duration, both sides agreed to have a wage controversy referred to the War Labor Board, and to abide by the award made by the board. When the award was made, however, the union refused to accept it. Its members went on strike.

President Wilson thereupon wrote them as follows: 'To strike against the award is disloyalty and dishonor. . . . Therefore, I desire that you return to work and abide by the award. If you refuse, each of you will be barred from employment in any war industry in the community in which the strike occurs for a period of one year. During that time the United States Employment Service will decline to obtain employment for you in any war industry elsewhere in the United States, as well as under the War and Navy Departments, the Shipping Board, the Railroad Administration, and all other Government agencies, and the draft boards will be instructed to reject any claim of exemption based on your alleged usefulness on war production . . . . .'

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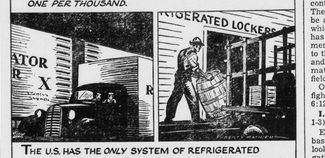

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'Australia has no more naturalborn interests in the politics of Europe than you have. Like you, we are a long way off and we have and love a life of our own.

'But this war is not about the politics of Europe; it's about the politics of the human race. You are not being asked to make a donation to a deserving charity.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for June 8

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BEGINNING OF WORLD MISSIONS

LESSON TEXT—Acts 13:23-13:12.
GOLDEN TEXT—And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16:15.

Nineteen hundred years of "front line action" for Christ began that day in Antioch when the first missionaries of the cross were sent forth. There is no more thrilling story in all history than that of missions. The glorious thing is that it goes on year after year, and will do so as long as the Lord of the harvest continues to send forth workers. The writer of these notes is glad to be associated with a training center which in its half century of operation has prepared for service about 2,200 men and women who have been sent to the foreign field by their churches and missions, and of whom approximately 1,600 are still active on the field in spite of "peril, toil and pain."

Our lesson teaches us how "to fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:12). First we must have

I. The Base of Operations (vv. 1-3).

Every army must have a home base; just so, the army of the Lord looks to the home church, the local gathering of God's people. An army would fail if those at the base of its action were asleep, or so interested in the pleasures of this world, or so indifferent to their responsibility, that they would not work hard in support of the active army. So the cause of Christian missions cannot go ahead if it has to depend on a home church which is spiritually asleep, indolent, indifferent, and worldly minded.

The church at Antioch prayed and fasted. It ministered the Word of God. It was responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and ready to sacrifice by giving its leaders to the missionary cause. Is your church that kind of a church? If not, why not?

Observe also that it is from such a church that God calls His workers. Sunday school teacher, you may have in your class next Sunday one of the missionary leaders of the next generation. See to it that the message from God reaches that heart.

II. Good Soldiers of the Cross (vv. 2-4).

The army does not call for the weak or physically handicapped to serve. Just so, God's service calls for the strongest men and women of the church, not the misfits or failures. A girl was once heard to remark: "If I can't get married, I will be a missionary." Fortunately for God's work, she did get married. Some men who cannot succeed in business think that means they should be missionaries.

God wants our best (Deut. 15:2) and He wants the best a church can give, which means the best spiritually, but in other ways as well. Note also in verses 3 and 4 that the messengers of the Lord must be constantly led of the Holy Spirit.

III. The Heat of Battle (vv. 5-10).

Warfare is not a Sunday school picnic. It means conflict with the forces of the enemy. So the missionary of the cross must be prepared to meet Satanic opposition. Saul and Barnabas met this "son of the devil" (by the way, reader, we trust you do not belong to that family) who opposed the work of grace which had begun in the heart of the governor (vv. 8-10).

However, there are those who do seek to hear the Word of God (v. 7) as did Sergius Paulus. The business of the missionary is to preach to them, but not only to them. The city of Paphos was really a miniature of the world of that day. It was a Greek city of high culture and low morals. It was ruled by the Roman governor, a man of noble character and a "man of understanding" (v. 7). But right with him was Elymas the sorcerer, a wicked and ungodly Jew, a disgrace to his own people and a hindrance to the work of God. The messenger of God rejoices in the opportunity to minister the Word, whether to Roman, Jew, or Greek, of high or low estate, wicked or good, interested or antagonistic. They all need God's Word.

IV. Victory for Christ (vv. 11, 12).

The army goes into battle with the purpose of winning a victory, or it is defeated before it starts. The Lord's army is on a victorious march, certain of success, because He that is in us is "greater than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

In dealing with the sorcerer, Paul brought down the drastic judgment of God. Note that this was not done because Elymas opposed Paul, or because he had some different belief, but because he in his wickedness opposed God. Those who fight against God are in a losing battle, the victory is always on His side.

There was another kind of victory here, and the soldiers of the cross are (or should be) far more interested in that type of victory; namely, the surrender of a sinner at the foot of the cross. God won a victory in the heart of Sergius Paulus.

berty Chapel Items

rty Chapel, June 3.- At last, e enjoying the long expected hich has been so much needhest and gardens have really d.

e of our very energetic farmd finished planting tobacco the rainy season came, but n't seem that their work was , as the plants seemed to ng well, and in some fields growing.

Ida Jones is not so well at ne.

infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey is ill.

J D. Childers was a recent in the home of Mrs. Mollie rette.

E. R. Hammersley, of Gladspent Monday at McLevel

er Martin, of Fort Meade, pent the week-end with his , Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Martin.

ds of Jack Martin, who repent a few days in a hoe re glad to see him out again, d cheerful as ever.

Dave Anderson and children, mond, are spending some time r parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. tin.

Meggineon has been suffering severe attack of measles. e to see him out again soon.

and Mrs. Judson Kinney are friends on the Eastern Shore

Rachel Coleman is ill with

burg Briefs

urg, May 27.- The home demstration club held its May Thursday afternoon. The ration on 'slip covers' was y Mrs. B. G. Anderson.

Misses Carson, of Pennsing her neice, Mrs. J. D.

Newton Pleasants, of New recently visited at her old re.

Joel Watkins and a friend sville and H. M. Marshall sily visited Mrs. E. W. Sunday afternoon.

and Mrs. W. S. Taylor, of ttor visited in the home of arl Marshall Sunday after-

Gertrude Sears came home y to see her mother who is in the Virginia Baptist . Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sears

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Mrs. C. C. Rosser, Misses Mamie Cullop, Sadie Wooten and Eurlean Rosser were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rosser Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Covington and family were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. C. C. Rosser Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClenny and family were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilkerson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pittinger and son were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pittinger and Mrs. Bess'e Wilkerson.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs Ernestine Southall were week- end guests in the home of Mrs. J. A. Neal, of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nash have gone to Newport News, where Mr. Nash is now working.

Mrs. Rawls, of Franklin, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. N. Ligon.

Miss Grace Cunningham, of Harrisonburg S. T. C., spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Cunningham.

Miss Merle Davis, of Richmond, spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. N. A. Davis.

Mrs. H. F. Clark and daughters, June and Ann, were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, of Lynchburg.

A birthday party was celebrated by the Womans Auxiliary of the Pamplin Presbyterian church Wednesday at the home of Mrs. J. B. Longsworth, in connection with the regular meeting.

Members of the student council and teachers of the Pamplin high school joined the Appomattox S. C. A. at Holliday Lake last Wednesday afternoon for a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Deaner, of Staunton were recent guests of Mrs. R. H. Fore.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farrar were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Farrar.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. R. E. Booker last Wednesday were Mrs. R. F. Longsworth, Mrs. Edward Wilson, Mrs. Thornton Cunningham, and Mrs. E. N. Cunningham.

Miss Martha Hughes, of Duke University hospital, is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. C. Hughes. Miss Hughes will leave June 1, to take a six-month course at Medical Center, Jersey City, N. J.

VERA PERSONALS

Vera, May 29.- Mrs. Maude Abbitt and Sallie Chernault spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. Cora Moses.

Friends are glad to hear that Mrs. R. H. Coleman is able to be back at home again. Her sister, Mrs. Jesse Burnes, is spending a few days with her.

Evelyn Chernault, of Vera, and Russell Chernault, of Radford, spent the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. Maude Abbitt visited Mrs. Mattie Martin, of Lynchburg, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Marshall and baby, of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. L. A. Coleman Sunday.

W. J. Covington has returned home from a visit to Hampton, Va.

Mrs. J. H. Chernault, of Prospect visited Mrs. J. J. Chernault Friday and Saturday.

Miss Ellen Wilson spent the past week-end with her parents.

Mrs. Richard Webb spent the week-end in Hollywood.

Stonewall Events

Stonewall, May 29.- The people of the Stonewall neighborhood are delighted to see work begin on the R. E. A. line, which will be completed early in July. Many of the houses are being wired now.

Miss Louise Stone, of the Concord high school faculty spent Wednesday night with Miss Louise Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Burnette and family, of Lynchburg visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Agnes Jennings, of Richmond spent a part of the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash and family, of Appomattox visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jennings, recently.

Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Misses Chia line Caldwell, Mary Archer Caldwell and Jean Anderson, and Melvin Caldwell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Bondurant, in Wytheville.

Misses Virginia Boyd and Nellie Turnes, of Glady spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Turnes.

Miss Louise Turnes spent Thursday night with Miss Louise Stone, of Lynchburg.

Royall Harding, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick and daughter, Rachel, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, of Appomattox.

U. S. pledges a new policy with China.

Gladstone, Route 2

Gladstone, R. F. D. 2, May 29.- Mrs. L. M. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Moore and Albert Kern have returned to their homes after visiting in Baltimore and Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McFadden and family and Mrs. Dab Bryant of Richmond spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Foster.

Jack Martin is a patient in the Virginia Baptist hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McFadden are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Rev. A. L. Shumate preached a fine sermon at Maple Grove Baptist church last Sunday. The revival will begin at this church the second Sunday night in June. Rev. Flowers, of Lynchburg will do the preaching.

Mrs. Walter Phelps, Mrs. Percy Garrett and Mrs. Walter Bergman visited Mrs. Zan Walton one day last week.

Mrs. Walton is improving rapidly from an operation.

Miss Otoria Davis and friend, of Lynchburg, visited her neice, Mrs. Walter Bergman, on Sunday.

Mrs. Aubrey Moore had the misfortune to fall and break two ribs. She is improving rapidly.

Hitler and Mussilini met Monday at Brenner Pass to discuss future war strategy.

Farmers busy catching up with work after refreshing rains.

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Pamplin Persona!

Pamplin, May 27.- Miss Mary Byrd Black was hostess to the W. A. of Pamplin Baptist church last Tuesday evening. Miss Margaret Ramsey was program leader.

Mrs. L. N. Ligon, Misses Margaret Ligon and Mary Rives Black were visitors in Farmville Saturday.

Auto Vacuum Aids Anglers

many the call of the open road also means the call of the open water. automobile and good roads have brought thousands of beautiful lakes because within reach of the vacationist or the week-ender. Fishing seasons about the country are opening, and these yotng people were among the to seek their favorite stream. They carry their own boat, lashed to the of their Chevrolet, and held securely with a new vacuum-grip holding e actuated by vacuum power from the motor. Note the tube connecting rack with motor vacuum.